check pollution in the Hussain Sagar and Jeedimetla areas in Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance sought and the response of the Australian Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Australian Government has agreed to commission a pre-feasibility study with regard to a project seeking assistance for installation of effluent control and treatment systems, training and plantation activities to reduce pollution and for environmental improvement in the Hussain Sagar and in the Jeedimetla areas.

Productivity at Calcutta port

*318. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Port continues t0 suffer from low productivity due to obsolete equipments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Port authorities have been diverting the Calcutta Port traffic generally;

(c) whether the traffic movement during the last several years has been sluggish with moderate revenue earnings;

(d) whether the authorities had submitted a comprehensive plan for revamping the port; and

(e) if so, the details of the plans for improving the Calcutta Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The productivity performance of CalCutta Port Trust mostly compares favourably with norms which have been set keep. ing in view all factors including equipment profile. There is no diversion of traffic and cargo handled as well as the operating income have grown at en average annual rate of 5 per cent and 17 per cent respectively over the past three years.

Port development is an on going process and the programmes are finalised according to the need and availability of funds from time to time. Calcutta Port Trust have submitted proposals for 8th Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 937 crores which *inter-alia* includes scheme for replacement of floating crafts and equipments.

Sale of blue prints on HBJ pipeline as wastepaper

*319. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to slate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sensitive blue prints in respect of the HBJ pipeline project prepared in 1987 were recently sold as waste paper;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted an inquiry into the sale of such highly sensitive documents • and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereto and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

War in J&K

*320. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BH AND ARE- Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: